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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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Date of Interview: 10 November 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: A cut-out model of the present invention and prior art.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-22.

Identification of prior art discussed: Aoki (US 5912772).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative demonstrated through the use of the models with reference to the claim language that the prior art of record fails to teach at least wherein each of the opposite ends of the at least one linear guide groove are open such that the support frame is movable to extend from either of the sides of the ring portion. The examiner is in agreement with this finding. However, before making a final decision on allowance the examiner will do an update search based on the arguments present in the interview..